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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge your letter of 30 July 1947.

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It appears that you are doing all that can be expected towards selecting the personnel from your staff you think we should transfer to Cyprus and getting them formally cleared for security. I think it is very important that we have something [REDACTED] in writing in the case of each individual if it is possible to obtain such a statement.

This office concurs in your suggestion that we hire personnel locally on Cyprus if that is possible and naturally we would not transfer to Cyprus any personnel that could be replaced by these locally-hired people. It is believed that the visit of the survey team to Cyprus will give us ample time to look into the recruitment possibilities. I appreciate your eagerness to go to Cyprus and look into this situation. However, I believe that such action at this time would be premature and inadvisable. The negotiations have not been completed. Furthermore, I have just today received rather formal instructions relative to the conduct of these negotiations. For these reasons, I would prefer that you do not attempt to participate in these negotiations or the advanced planning for this station except upon advice from this office.

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I believe, and certainly hope, that the Embassy will be able to ship our equipment [REDACTED] and apparently you have been given reasonable assurance that they will be able to do so. If you learn any more on this particular subject, please advise me at the earliest possible date.

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The problem of [REDACTED] after a certain length of time and our becoming responsible for them is indeed a serious one and one which we certainly should like to avoid. This, of course, makes the local recruiting problem a more serious one. I am going to present the statements which you make in your letter relative to these laws to our Legal Division for their study, and we will be governed by their decision in acting on this phase of the personnel transfer.

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On 11 August I furnished you a letter advising you on the method to handle such cases as that of [REDACTED] I am forwarding today a letter to you from [REDACTED] Acting Chief, Fiscal Division, which does not appear to be in conflict with my letter of 11 August. I should like very much to know if the combination of these two letters straightens out your problem satisfactorily.

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Please keep me advised as currently as possible as to the status of the security clearance for your locally hired personnel.

Sincerely,

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